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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y

SUBJECT: KY CORRUPTION CHARGES AGAINST THIEU

REF: A. STATE 127928

B. SAIGON 8462 - XR POL 15-2 Viet S

C. SAIGON 10019 - POL 14 Viet S XR POL 15-1 Viet S

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1. AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS, BRIBERY CHARGE WAS INDEED VERY CURRENT AND PROBABLY TRUE (REFS B THROUGH E); HOWEVER, WE CANNOT CONFIRM THAT ANY AMERICAN OFFICER DISPLAYED DISMAY AND DISPLEASURE ON THIS SUBJECT TO GVNOS.

2. WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REPLY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES IF QUERIED: AS WE HAVE TRIED TO MAKE VERY CLEAR, IT IS UNITED STATES POLICY TO MAINTAIN STRICT IMPARTIALITY WITH REGARD TO ELECTIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM. SECRETARY ROGERS EMPHASIZED THIS POLICY IN A STATEMENT THAT WE DISTRIBUTED JUNE 15. WE ARE THEREFORE NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON INTERPRETATIONS AND OPINIONS CONTAINED IN PRESS REPORTS ON ELECTION DEVELOPMENTS.
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